

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently amended)** A dispersion comprising a thermoplastic cellulose polymer or a derivative thereof, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, an alkaline earth metal salt of a C₉-C₂₀ aliphatic fatty acid, a surfactant, a C₁-C₄ ~~lower~~ alkyl methacrylate polymer and a solvent, wherein the dispersion adheres to a substrate selected from the group consisting of a plastic, a metal and a composite when applied to said substrate as part of a primer.

2. **(Previously presented)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising a white metal oxide.

3. **(Currently amended)** The dispersion of claim 1, wherein the C₁-C₄ ~~lower~~ alkyl methacrylate polymer is an ethyl methacrylate polymer.

4. **(Previously presented)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising a metal carbonate and a white metal oxide.

5. **(Previously presented)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising a metal carbonate, a white metal oxide and a rust inhibitor.

6. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 1 in a solid form.

7. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 4 in a solid form.

8. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 5 in a solid form.

9. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 6 in a granulated form.

10. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 7 in a granulated form.

11. **(Original)** The dispersion of Claim 8 in a granulated form.

12. **(Original)** A primer comprising the dispersion of Claim 1 and, a primer solvent.

13. **(Original)** The primer of claim 12 further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₆ ester, a polymeric plasticizer and a halogenated, polyolefin.

14. **(Original)** The primer of claim 13 further comprising one or more components selected from the group consisting of: an alcohol, a polyhydroxy magnesium silicate derivate, and a silicon dioxide powder.

15. **(Currently amended)** A primer comprising a primer solvent, a C₁-C₄ ~~lower~~ alkyl methacrylate polymer, a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₅ ester, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, a polymeric plasticizer, a halogenated polyolefin and the dispersion of claim 4.

16. **(Original)** The primer of claim 15 further comprising the dispersion of claim 5.
17. **(Original)** The primer of claim 15 further comprising an alcohol, a thermoplastic cellulose polymer or a derivative thereof, a polyhydroxy magnesium silicate derivate and a silicon dioxide powder.
18. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a primer including the steps of:
- mixing a first primer solution comprising a primer solvent and a C₁-C₄ ~~lower~~ alkyl methacrylate polymer in a first vessel;
 - mixing a second primer solution comprising the dispersion of claim 6 in a second vessel; and
 - mixing the first primer solution and the second primer solution together to form the primer;
- wherein the primer adheres to a plastic, a metal and/or a composite substrate.
19. **(Currently amended)** A method of manufacturing a primer comprising:
- mixing a first primer solution comprising a primer solvent and a C₁-C₄ ~~lower~~ alkyl methacrylate polymer;
 - mixing a second primer solution comprising a C₁-C₆ ketone, a C₁-C₆ ester, a phthalate ester of a C₁-C₆ alkylated aromatic alcohol, and the dispersion of claim 7; and
 - mixing the first primer solution and the second primer solution together with a primer solvent, a C₁-C₆ ketone, C₁-C₆ ester, a polymeric plasticizer and a halogenated polyolefin to form the primer;
- wherein the primer adheres to a plastic, a metal and/or a composite substrate.
20. **(Currently amended)** The method of manufacturing a primer of claim 19 wherein the second primer solution further comprises a rust inhibitor ~~the dispersion of claim 8~~.
21. **(Previously presented)** A method for coating a surface of an article comprising:
- coating the surface with an adhesion promoter comprising an aromatic hydrocarbon, a co-polymer of a C₂-C₆ alkene and a vinyl ester and a chlorinated polyolefin; and
 - coating the surface with the primer of claim 12 or claim 15.
22. **(Previously presented)** An article coated with the primer of claim 12 or claim 15.

23. **(Previously presented)** The dispersion of claim 1 further comprising one or more component selected from the group consisting of: a metal carbonate; a white metal oxide and a rust inhibitor.

24. **(Previously presented)** The dispersion of claim 1 wherein the dispersion adheres to a substrate selected from the group consisting of a polyethylene, a polypropylene, a polystyrene, a thermoplastic elastomer and an ethylene propylene rubber when applied to said substrate as part of a primer.